

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2010 AT 7:00 PM
POMFRET SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman James Rivers, Selectmen Tony Emilio, Maureen Nicholson. Approximately 10 citizens and interested parties.

I. Regular Meeting

1. **Open Meeting–7:00 PM/Approve Minutes March 15, 2010** – J. Rivers opened meeting at 7:00 PM. T. Emilio motioned to approve minutes of March 15, 2010. J. Rivers seconded. T. Emilio, J. Rivers in favor. M. Nicholson abstained.

2. **Items to Add to Agenda** – T. Emilio motioned to add Discussion of Retiring Citizen Recognition and a Discussion of Noise from Registered Motor Vehicles. J. Rivers stated he would add CCM Discussion. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor to add to New Business, items 3, 4, 5.

3. **Citizen Participation & Communications** – John Carter spoke for the Grange in thanking the Town and those involved for getting the curtain back up on the stage.

II. New Business

1. **Presentation – Proposed Community BioEnergy** – Mr. Paul Miller and Kathy Moschella were present to speak about this Woodstock project. They are not seeking financial support from Pomfret but would like general support from surrounding towns. This green project will extract methane from cow manure to general energy. The process is quiet, eliminates odor, and will not increase transportation to the farm. Mr. Miller provided an overview of how the process would work. The First Selectman's office has previously issued a letter of support and would be glad to do this again if needed.

2. **Seely-Brown Grant – Administrator Award** – Bids have been received for Administration of a second Capital Improvement Grant. Community Opportunities Group submitted a bid for \$3,000, which is reimbursable by the grant if awarded, plus no more than \$800. in additional travel & clerical expenses. Some discussion. T. Emilio motioned to approve Community Opportunities Group as the grant writer/administrator as proposed. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.

3. **CCM Discussion** – Kevin Maloney with CCM presented an overview of services offered by the organization and encouraged the Town to reinstate its membership. Dues for the year are based on per capita and would be \$2260 for Pomfret. Discussion. No action taken.

4. **Retiring Citizen Recognition** – T. Emilio stated that Betty Hale will be retiring soon and has contributed much to the community. He felt it would be fitting to offer some type of recognition. Some discussion regarding this as well as recognition of service by some others in Town.

5. Registered Motor Vehicles-Noise Level – T. Emilio stated that citizens living in certain parts of Town are impacted by the many motorcycles that come thru Town with modified mufflers. Discussion. T. Emilio will speak to local establishment regarding the posting of a notice about this. J. Rivers will speak to the lieutenant at Troop D about options. The consensus was to begin with informational postings before any enforcement action is taken.

III. Current Business

1. Road Issues – None. There was no significant damage to Pomfret roads during the recent heavy rain storm.

2. FY 2010/2011 Budget Discussion & Possible Action – J. Rivers spoke briefly about moving department legal lines into a legal defense fund where monies can be built up over time. He also spoke about adding a line to allow for grant writing and processing. Brief Discussion.

IV. Other Business

1. General Discussion – M. Nicholson has submitted a grant application to the Last Green Valley for Town Signs. Some sample photos were looked at and briefly discussed. The Green Team has been working with Winston Averill and Bulky Waste will now be offering a single-stream recycling bin. Earth Day is April 17th and a roadside clean-up is scheduled. CT Water at the Murdock property was discussed at the last meeting. This will be taken up for further discussion at the next Economic Planning & Development meeting.

2. Ethics Discussion – Revisions in progress. Discussion tabled to next meeting.

3. Discussion – Amendments to Zoning Regulations – Some areas the Board may consider for language change are signage, permitting for sheds, and permitting for swimming pools. The BOS would be the applicant to the Planning & Zoning Commission. M. Nicholson will look at some language for signs and bring some options to the next meeting.

4. Pistol Permits Issued: None

V. Tax Refunds/Abatements: Gary Wolanski, COC, \$72.95 – M. Nicholson moved to approve tax refund as listed. T. Emilio seconded. All in favor.

VI. Citizen's Comments – Paul Miller stated he was glad when Pomfret adopted the ‘Right to Farm Ordinance’. He stated that many of Pomfret’s Zoning Regulations are anti-agricultural and he would encourage that an agricultural advisory committee be formed. Many other Towns have them and they work to help preserve agriculture. He also offered caution concerning the drilling of wells on the Murdock property. Drilled wells will often require restrictions on many other future uses.

VII. Executive Session

1. Open Space Purchases – Discussion – J. Rivers motioned to move to Executive Session, with the Board of Selectmen, PZC Chairman Walter Hinchman, and Board of Finance Chairman John DiIorio to remain present, to discuss Open Space possible purchases. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.

Board adjourned to Executive Session at 9:10 PM

Board adjourned from Executive Session at 10:00 PM with no action taken.

VIII. **Adjournment** – Motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn and meeting adjourned at 10:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____